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1. ON JULY 16, NEPAL'S FABLED HASH SHOPS CLOSED THEIR DOORS. CLOSING WAS RESULT OF GOVERNMENT'S DECISION NOT TO RENEW LICENSES PERMITTING SALE OF HASHISH AND GANJA, AND OCCURRED EVEN BEFORE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED TO NATIONAL PANCHAYAT, AND WHIC WILL BAN CULTIVATION OF ALL NARCOTIC DRUGS.

2. NUMBER OF SHOPS WERE CLOSED SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO JULY 16 DEADLINE. SOME, HOWEVER, REMAINED OPEN TO LAST DAY. IN MANY CASES TOURISTS AND CURIOUS TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OUTNUMBERED USUAL CLIENTS. CONVERSATIONS WITH SHOP OPERATORS SUGGEST THAT MANY HAVE ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO MERCHANDISE NEW PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY CURIOS AND NEPALESE HANDICRAFT.

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3. WHILE EMBASSY WAS CONVINCED OF GOVERNMENT'S INTEN-

TION TO MOVE AGAINST NARCOTICS, ALACRITY WITH
WHICH ACTION AS TAKEN WAS SURPRISE TO ALL. WE TRUST
APPROPRIATE NOTE WILL BE TAKEN IN WASHINGTON OF GON'S
DETERMINATION AND GOOD FAITH THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.
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